

ALBERTA'S FIRST & FINEST NIGHT CYCLOCROSS RACE

2015

DARK KNIGHT CROSS



GOTHAM BURNING

CANADA OLYMPIC PARK
10/03/15

3-4:30 PM SIGN-ON & PRE-RIDE
5 PM NEWBIES RACE
6:15 PM 2ND START - C

7:15 PM 3RD START - OPEN B
8:30 PM 4TH START - OPEN A
9:30 PM **ARKHAM!**



⚠ WARNING: THIS RACE CONTAINS FLAMING OBSTACLES

REGISTER EARLY AT WWW.ZONE4.CA. MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.CYCLEMEISTERS.COM.

ARKHAM IS A FREE-FOR-ALL RACE WITH NO RESULTS GIVEN OR RULES APPLIED — ALL BIKES ARE WELCOME, **COSTUMES ARE MANDATORY**. SPECTATORS ARE REQUIRED TO **HECKLE LOUDLY**.



2015 DARK KNIGHT TECHNICAL GUIDE

THE RACE:

The Dark Knight returns to Canada Olympic Park for another year of craziness. The event will remain largely the same as 2014 and of course we will have the return of ARKHAM which so many of you loved last year. The ARKHAM race will again be the final race of the evening and will reward those that make the Dark Knight so damn great ... the crazies!!! You know who you are. You dress up, you decorate your bike, you come out for a good time, and you couldn't give a crap about your result. ARKHAM will be available for you as a stand alone race if it's your only race for the evening or you can enter your usual category and then also sign up for ARKHAM. Like always this race will not be part of the ABA 'Cross Cup series (more on this latter) Field limits will be in effect for this race, ... *so sign-up early and don't be disappointed!!!*

DATE & LOCATION

Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 at Canada Olympic Park, Calgary (C.O.P) (see attached map)

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be available on www.Zone4.ca until 9pm Friday, October 2nd. There will be absolutely no race day registration ... sorry, but there will be no exceptions. Please note again that there will be field limits.

FEES:

\$55 for Senior racers, \$45 for those in the Newbies/ Cat D start. \$10 for the ARKHAM race. There will be no late fees but please sign-up early on Zone4 anyway. *Field limits will be strictly enforced this year*

FIELD LIMITS:

We know there are a lot of you that are looking forward to this race but field limits will be in effect. 70 riders per start ... *so for the last time - sign up early!!!*



RACE FORMAT FOR NEWBIES/ CATEGORY C / OPEN B/ AND OPEN A

This is a mass start cyclocross race. You will start in a large group and race around a circuit for as many laps as the leader can do in your allotted time. You will not know how many laps you are doing until the race is 2 laps in and the commissaires give you a lap count based on the leader's average lap time. So if your race leader does the first 2 laps in an average of 6.5 mins then you should expect to do 6 laps (6 laps @ 6.5mins = 39mins = +/- 40mins) If by chance cyclocross is completely new to you then search Youtube for some videos ... plan to spend an evening

CITIZEN, UNLICENSED, & NEWBIE RACERS:

If you are a typical joe that has never even thought about having an ABA race license but you would still like to try this 'cross thing then we'll be happy to take your money. There will be an additional \$10 day license fee that we will charge, but other than that you're all good. The ABA will have a representative on site to confirm your registration and give you a number. So, just sign-up and pay on Zone4 and show up at the race by 4:00pm to fill in the rest of the details.

RESULTS:

Generating accurate results has been a challenge with this race due to the number of racers and the fact that it's dark and you guys are having way too much fun to pay attention to the commissaires. As always we will only guarantee the placings of the top ten and try very hard to get all the other placings correct. We will try to have finish times for everyone, but there will be no promises. So if for some reason your life will not be complete without knowing that you were 4mins 12secs out of first place then this race is not for you. If you're happy knowing that you finished in 26th place and you had a great time doing it then sign up ... you're our kind of racer. *Please note though that if you wear a costume that obscures or hides your number you will most likely not receive a result.* We will not place you as the "dude in the tranny getup"

PRIZES:

Prizes will go 10 deep in each Category. Bow Cycle and Wild Rose Brewery will be providing some fantastic prizes. There will be giveaways for lapped riders, and Wild Rose has thrown in a few very special prizes for lap primes. We also reserve the right to recognize something that we just weren't expecting to see.



SHORTCUTS:

In 2013 and 2014 the Dark Knight had a shortcut for the A and B races. You should not come to the 2015 edition of the race expecting a shortcut though. I'm a pretty fickle Race Director and I reserve the right to remove or keep the shortcut based on how much I wish to punish you. I will guarantee this though, if there is a shortcut, it will not be the same as in the past ... be afraid.

DARK KNIGHT RACE CATEGORIES:

Bear with me a bit on this. We're trying to sort you into 4 Categories + ARKHAM. You can pick which category you want to race but keep in mind that we may be pulling lapped riders, so if you're a Sport racer and you wish to race 'A' then your race may be short. Women will race with the Men ... fast is fast, I don't care what gender you are.

Category	You can enter if you are ...
Category D: Newbies	Citizen & Unlicensed riders wishing to give 'cross a try and those that just want to have some fun without the stress of the bigger crowds. (MTB's allowed)
Category C:	Citizen, Novice, Sport, Cat 5/6 Road, all Youth categories, and Expert Women (no Elite M/W, Expert M, or Cat 1/2/3/4 Road) (MTB's allowed)
Category B:	All the above plus Expert Men, Elite Women, Cat 3/4 Road (no Citizen, Elite Men, or Cat 1/2 Road) ('Cross bikes only)
Open A:	Anyone except Citizen and Youth ('Cross bikes only)
Call Up's:	We may be calling riders up in the Open A race based on 2015 Elite ABA cup points. We may also be calling up riders in the B race, but I doubt it.
ARKHAM:	This race is open to anyone including those that have already raced early in the evening. Costumes and or decorated bikes are mandatory. It will be a 4 lap race that may or may not include jumps, moveable course sections, shortcuts, and spectators disrupting your progress. There will be no results for this race and there will be only 2 rules ... have fun and don't be a dick.



RACE SCHEDULE:

- 3:30pm - on Sign-on (please note you must sign-on before your start, sign-on closes 30mins before your start)
- 3 - 4:30pm Pre-ride (NOTE: The course may be open between starts at the commissaires discretion)
- 5:00pm 1st Start - Newbies, 35mins (note reduced fee for this race)
- 6:00pm 2nd Start - Category C, 35mins
- 7:07pm Sunset
- 7:15pm 3rd Start - Category B, 40mins
- 8:30pm 4th Start - Open A, 45mins
- 9:30ish ARKHAM ... 3 - 4 laps of complete mayhem ... no results, no rules
(NOTE: For the ARKHAM race you, and or your bike must be decorated)

BIKES:

The ABA follows International rules when it comes to the type of bike you can ride in a 'cross race but because this is not an ABA Cup race we have a bit of leeway. So for the 'Newbie/ D', and 'C' races you will be allowed to use mountain bikes. For safety reasons please remove all accessories such as bar ends, fenders, lights, racks, etc. The 'A' and 'B' race will be restricted to racers on 'cross bikes. ARKHAM is open to anything you can pedal.

NOTE: There are no lights allowed on you or your bike for any of the races

RACE NUMBERS:

Bring your ABA 'Cross body numbers. If you don't have them yet you can get them at the race from the ABA. Citizen racers will be given a number at sign-on. Number placement will be posted at sign-on. Please pay attention and place your numbers where requested.

NOTE: If your number is not visible to the commissaires then you will not receive a result



PRE RIDING & COURSE INSPECTION:

We know that you'd like to inspect the course prior to your race. The course will be open during the scheduled times and between races at the commissaires discretion. If the Chief Commissaire opens the course between starts it will be open no sooner than 2 mins after the winner crosses the line and will close 5 mins before the next start. Riders pre-riding must not pass or otherwise interfere with racers who are still in the competition. All riders pre-riding must enter the course immediately after the finish line area.

LAPPED RIDERS:

Due to the large fields we are expecting and the difficulty we can have with results *we may be pulling lapped riders from the Open A & B races...* sorry. Lapped racers in the Category C and Newbies race's will be given the option to continue, but you will be given something to wear that will identify you to the commissaires. If you are a lapped rider you will not receive a time. Your result will be shown as finishing a lap down in the order you were lapped.

FOOD AND WATER:

There is no water available at the race so bring all that you will need. Post race refreshments will be made available by the organizer. Anything else that you may require for your post race recovery is your own responsibility. We also ask that if you are bringing a beverage for after your race please make sure it's in a can as this venue doubles as a children's playground and broken glass is not acceptable ... *so please, no glass bottles!!!*

MECHANICAL ZONE:

The course will include a double entry pit.

WASHROOMS AND CHANGE ROOMS:

C.O.P has washrooms at the bottom of the West stairs, but there are no change facilities

PARKING:

Plenty of parking is available at C.O.P.

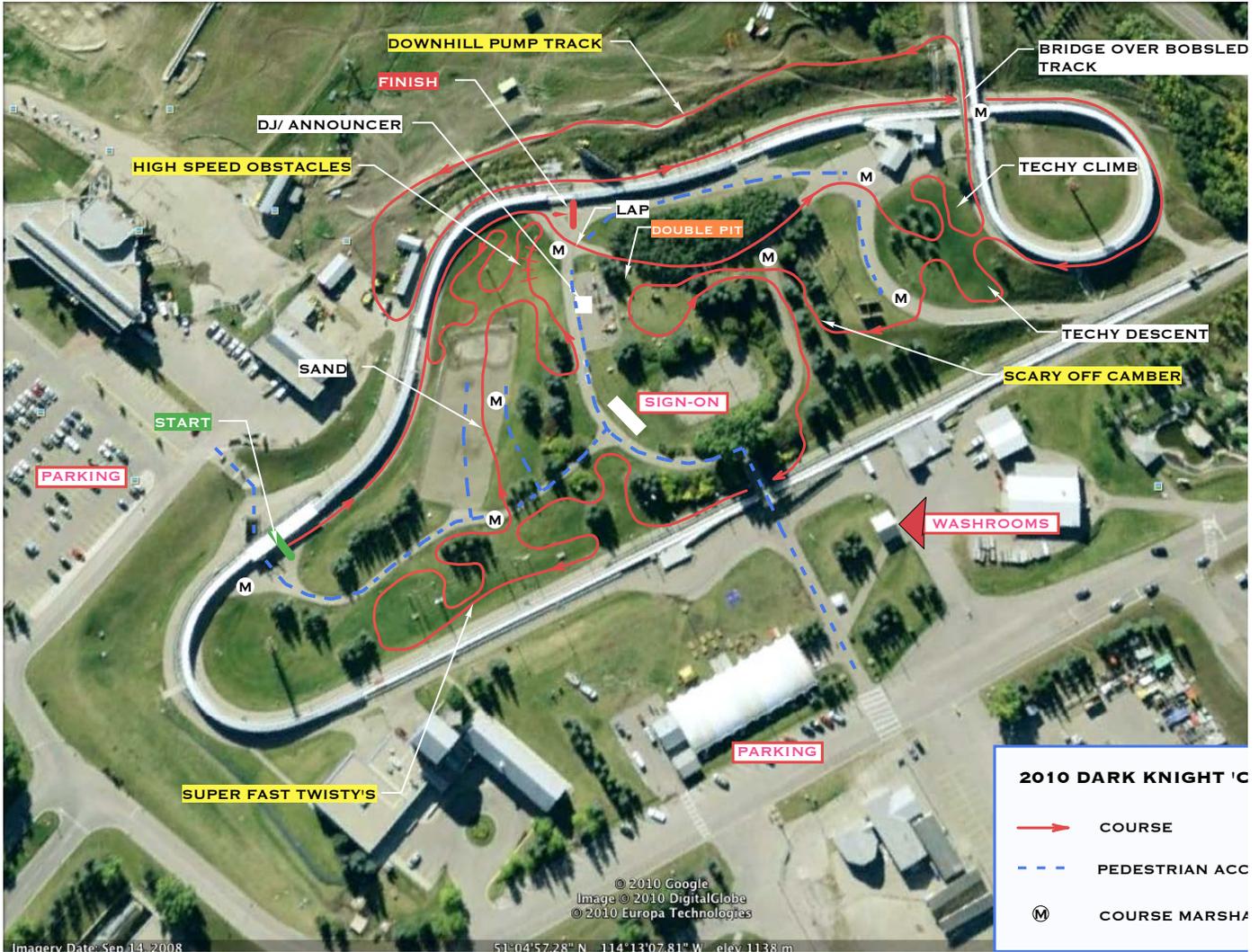
FOR MORE INFO:

Contact Ed Garvin @ ed@climasource.ca



COURSE MAP:

Please note that this is a very old course map and offers little to no information on the actual routing of the 2015 course. All this thing is good for is letting you know where the venue is and how to access it. The actual course will be determined sometime on the evening of the 2nd.



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Bow Cycle ... Southern Alberta's premier bike shop and dedicated supporters of cycling in Alberta.



Curious Communications ... Pink and orange plaid may not be your thing, but you've got to admit these guys are pretty damn creative.



Wild Rose Brewery ... Fantastic Micro Brewery in the heart of Calgary.

